El Rancho Verde MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala David Maskell Bedalia Valdes Gem Montes

Absent

Lacy Kendall Lynn Boshart

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Bedalia Valdes moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. All were in favor.

Chairman Remarks

Chairman Joe Ayala commented that the importance of each meeting is the quality not the quantity. Even though there was a low turnout at the last meeting the residents, their opinions mattered very much. Chairman Ayala encouraged everyone to voice his or her opinions and concerns so that the adequate solution can be determined. Chairman Joe Ayala suggested an "end of the year celebration" during the December MAC meeting.

Staff Reports

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

Mrs. Smith informed the public of the community clean up that took place on November 3, 2007. There was a total of **227** Vehicles Served, **33 Tons** of Material Removed *(Approx. 7 trash trucks!)*, **27.75** Tons of Trash, **2** Tons of Metal, **1.25** Tons of Tires, **2** Tons of E-Waste, and **68** "sellable items" for Goodwill.

Mrs. Smith encouraged El Rancho Verde residents to be part of the MAC. There is still one vacancy on the Council. Applications to be considered for the MAC Council are available during each meeting. If you have any questions please call our office at (909) 387-4565.

Sheriff's Department - Det. Ryan Ford

Det. Ryan Ford explained the growing concern of identity theft specifically in the El Rancho Verde area. Brochures were distributed throughout the meeting and more will be available at the next MAC meeting. A special presentation on identity theft will be scheduled in the upcoming months. Det. Ryan Ford informed residents that Steve Kovensky will be the new Captain taking over for John Powell who recently retired. Det. Ford encouraged residents to be part of the volunteer programs available to help patrol and help in ensuring the community's safety. Det. Ryan Ford answered questions from the public.

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated communities of Rialto. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents may contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

California Highway Patrol - Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos was not present.

To report complaints residents are encouraged to contact the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247. The CHP also offers a safe driving program for young drivers. For more info contact (909) 383-4247.

Presentation by Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter

During her State of the District Address, Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter, 62nd District gave an update on two bills she authored that have become law. Governor Schwarzenegger has signed AB 428 (Carter) and AB 1229 (Carter). AB 428 requires high schools to notify parents and pupils of the A-G curriculum required for admission to the UC and CSU systems. AB 1229 gives rank and file officers a seat at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

Assembly Member Carter stated that they had just met with the Inland Empire Caucus to address transportation problems in the Inland Empire. She informed residents that the Caucus has agreed to work together with the local residents to address the transportation issues.

Assembly Member Carter also announced her "It Ought to Be a Law" contest. Residents have the opportunity to suggest ideas that they think should be a law. The winner of the contest will accompany Assembly Member Carter to Sacramento and help work on the bill.

Assembly Member Carter answered questions from the public.

Old Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

a. Report on the Riverside Avenue Landscape Project - Tim Millington
Tim Millington informed residents that he will be monitoring the Riverside Avenue
Landscape Project closer to make sure things are getting done. Mulch will be
replaced shortly. The maintenance will take place every Monday.

Please call Special Districts for any concerns: (909) 387-5940

New Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

None

Member Reports

Joe Ayala

Chair Ayala commented that the meeting announcement flyers need to be more meaningful. He suggested that the Supervisor's Office add: "Minutes and Agenda available on-line".

Lynn Boshart

Not Present

Lacy Kendall

Not Present

Gem Montes

No Report

Bedalia Valdes

No Report

David Maskell

No Report

Subcommittee Reports

Group Homes – Bob Kern

- a. Mr. Kern continues researching the different ordinances used in other cities. Mr. Kern will have more information at the next MAC meeting.
- b. New Development- Lynn Boshart not present.
- c. Signage- Lacey Kendall not present.
- d. Traffic Safety- Public concerns about speeding down Sycamore. Det. Ryan Ford suggested that the Highway Patrol be contacted when this occurs. Another concern was that the Knollwood monuments have been graffittied, it was suggested by Det. Ryan Ford to take pictures before painting over it, so that the department can research and try to identify who the "taggers/or gang members" are.

Call new code enforcement complaints in to the Fontana office at (909) 428-8444. To follow up on existing complaints, please call (909) 428-8425. For Fire Hazard abatement please call (909) 387-4123.

Community Reports

No report.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Council Member Maskell made a motion to adjourn until the next El Rancho Verde MAC meeting the second Tuesday in December. Council Member Montes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm to the next scheduled MAC meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

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